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## APPENDIX TO AMENDMENT

## Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 8, amend the section heading at line 19, as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE [INVENTION] EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS

## Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 23-26 and 30-34, as follows:

- 23. (once amended) The tyre of claim 22, wherein the [first] second reinforcing filler [includes no more than 60%-by-weight white filler] is substantially free of carbon black.
- 24. (once amended) The tyre of claim 22, wherein the first reinforcing filler includes about [32%] 31%-by-weight white filler.
- 25. (once amended) The tyre of claim 22, wherein the first reinforcing filler includes at least about [32%] 31%-by-weight white filler.
- 26. (once amended) The tyre of claim 22, wherein the first reinforcing filler includes between [32%] 31%-by-weight white filler and 60%-by-weight white filler.

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30. (once amended) A tyre for a wheel of a vehicle, comprising:

a toroidal carcass provided with axially-opposite sidewalls and beads for anchoring the tyre to a rim of the wheel;

a tread band radially-external to the toroidal carcass, comprising a surface with a plurality of hollows and grooves defining a tread pattern; and

a belt structure between the toroidal carcass and the tread band, axially extending between the sidewalls;

wherein the tread band comprises at least first and second circumferential axiallycontiguous portions,

wherein the first portion is formed of a first composition comprising a first reinforcing filler including white filler and carbon black,

wherein the first reinforcing filler includes at least 40%-by-weight carbon black, wherein the second portion is formed of a second composition comprising a second reinforcing filler including white filler,

wherein the second reinforcing filler includes at least 20%-by-weight white filler, wherein the first composition is different from the second composition, and wherein a difference between an amount of white filler in the first reinforcing filler [includes] and an amount of white filler in the second reinforcing filler [effective to] achieves a tyre operating temperature lower than a reference temperature.

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- 31. (once amended) The tyre of claim 30, wherein the [first] second reinforcing filler [includes no more than 60%-by-weight white filler] is substantially free of carbon black.
- 32. (once amended) The tyre of claim 30, wherein the first reinforcing filler includes about [32%] 31%-by-weight white filler.
- 33. (once amended) The tyre of claim 30, wherein the first reinforcing filler includes at least about [32%] 31%-by-weight white filler.
- 34. (once amended) The tyre of claim 30, wherein the first reinforcing filler includes between [32%] 31%-by-weight white filler and 60%-by-weight white filler.

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